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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

January 10 – 7:30 Village Council Meeting

January 25 – 7:00 Parks and Rec. Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LP TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 11, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

JANUARY 12, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT EDUCATION CLUB)

JANUARY 12, 7:00 PM, 3825 FAITH CHURCH ROAD

LAKE PARK SAGES CARD BINGO

(BRING \$5.00 WRAPPED GIFT.)

JANUARY 13, 7:00 PM, FAITH CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BLDG

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Council Approves Fishing Permits

On December 13, Lake Park Village Council passed a motion to prohibit local fishing without a village permit effective April 1, 2006. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended this action to protect the 15 Lake Park ponds, a critical natural resource that in many ways define and set apart Lake Park from other towns. The new policy has developed from initial input from a Ponds Committee study in 2005 and from further review within the Parks and Recreation Commission.

COUNCIL APPROVES FISHING PERMITS (CONTINUED)

The permit policy is a first step to preserving fishing activity and pond beautification both now and into the future. Council agrees that allowing fishing opportunities and preserving beautiful pond views will maintain these selling points for Lake Park, thus protecting and improving property values for all village residents.

Did You Know?

Lake Park has a total of 18.32 acres of ponds within the village limits.

The small pond at the village entrance on Lake Park Road and Unionville Indian Trail Road, Connie's Pond and the pond at the intersection of Conifer and Alden are the only three ponds where fishing will not be allowed. All of the larger ponds will remain open to fishing.

The permit policy is planned to protect the convenience for residents at minimal cost, but it is not expected to be a significant source of income. Penalties for fishing without a license will be in effect April 1. Signs are planned for placement at the Lake Park entrance areas.

Annual individual Lake Park permits will be \$2 per resident, or \$5 per family. Non-resident permits will be \$20 per individual for fishing within Lake Park. The village permits will apply only to ponds within Lake Park.

North Carolina also issues state fishing licenses. These are not required by non-Lake Park anglers who use natural bait within their own county of residence. The Lake Park permits will apply only to ponds within the village limits.

December Council Meeting

Highlights from the December 13 meeting

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The first order of business during the December Council meeting was swearing in of the recently elected officials. Sandy Coughlin and Kendall Spence took the oath of office for their four year terms on the council. In addition, Cheri Clark, the Village Clerk administered the oath for John Ross, who will be serving his third term as Mayor of Lake Park.

During the meeting the council discussed some of the recent acts of vandalism. During the previous month, several of the recently posted signs indicating that skateboarding on brickwork is prohibited were stolen. Vandals destroyed the fountains in Russell Park and stole a transformer at the front entrance. Repair and replacement of all such items are at taxpayer expense as the cost comes out of the Village budget.

The council also discussed action on a municipal web site. It will be developed by the council and it will serve as the official web site for the village government. The council has already developed a draft of a web site policy and map for the potential site. Currently, Greg Crosby is developing a prototype site for approval by the council.

In street business, the mayor, on behalf of the council will be drafting a letter to the state department of transportation to ask that they consider putting a four way stop sign at two of the three intersections on Faith Church road. This road is the only road within the village maintained by the state. Therefore, the DOT is the only group who can approve the stop signs on this road. The council is recommending this based on the inevitable increase in traffic on this road once the state completes construction of Faith Church Road so that it connects with US 74.

For your information...

Clock Tower Chimes

Many Lake Park residents have missed the chimes and music from the clock tower. After many tests on the system, it was discovered that a power surge had damaged two of the critical components for the chimes including the system's amplifier. The Council is seeking replacement parts so the clock tower chimes will be restored as soon as possible.

Public Welcome at Council Meetings

The council would like to remind the residents of Lake Park that the public is welcome to attend the monthly council meetings. In addition, anyone wanting to address the council can do so at the start of every meeting.

Fireworks Prohibited in Lake Park

North Carolina state law (GS Ch. 14 Section 414) prohibits anyone within the state from using explosive or aerial fireworks, roman candles, and rockets or similar devices. The only permitted items are sparklers, fountains, smoke devices and glow worms.

Security Report

For November 2005

The Sheriff's department responded to a total of 104 calls in Lake Park for the month of November. This total is up considerably from the total of 68 calls in October and 61 for the month of September. July 2005 was the last time that the Sheriff's department fielded over 100 calls in the village. Of these calls, 50 were for suspicious persons and 20 were for alarms. In addition, 15 calls were categorized as general calls and a total of 9 for property damage.
